

**AQAA**  
**DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**10 September 1997**

**FAR/DFARS Cases Discussed:**

97-D018	<b>DFARS Part 215 Rewrite:</b> Conforms DFARS to FAR Part 15 rewrite.	Agreed to proposed rule.
97-022	<b>Magnitude of Construction Projects:</b> Clarifies guidance on disclosure of the magnitude of construction projects.	Agreed to close case w/o changes.
90-009F	<b>Electronic Funds Transfer:</b> Broadens use of electronic funds transfer for contract payments.	Disagreed with CAAC revisions to draft proposed rule. Marked-up copy of the CAAC revisions is scheduled for further discussion on 09/17/97.
96-011	<b>No-Cost VECs:</b> Revises the sharing alternative, no-cost settlement method, to indicate that this alternative should be used only where the administrative cost of negotiating a settlement is expected to exceed the savings on the instant contract.	Agreed to draft interim rule, as edited.
97-D017	<b>Test Contract Format:</b> Provides for an alternative solicitation/contract format.	Agreed to close the case w/o action. Pursuant to an IDS agreement made on 09/09/97, the Army will conduct a limited test under a deviation.
96-D319	<b>Authority to Waive Foreign Purchase Restrictions:</b> Implements Division E of the FY96 Defense Authorization Act. Revises FAR to incorporate statutory provisions on information technology management.	Deferred discussion until 09/17/97.

**NOTE 1:** DAR Council requested nominations for Chair, Quality Assurance Cmte, be submitted by 09/17/97.

**NOTE 2:** Public responses may now be made electronically to requests for public comment on FAR and DFARS cases via the Defense Acquisition Regulations Directorate Homepage at "<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/>". Just CLICK on the electronic link entitled "Public Comments" and follow the instructions.